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REMARKS

Claims 31-38 are pending. Applicants have canceled claims 27-30 without prejudice as being directed to non-elected subject matter, and expressly reserve the right to prosecute the canceled claims in the future. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 35-38 are allowable.

The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failure to define R2-R6. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the remaining sole rejection, in view of amended claim 31. As amended, claim 31 defines R2-R6 substituents of specific compounds already recited in claim 31 and also described in Tables 1-2 of the specification (pages 20-22). Furthermore, Applicants have amended claim 34 to correct a typographical error in the dependency of the claim. Thus, no new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, which merely places the claims in better condition for allowance and only requires a cursory examination.

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**CONCLUSION**

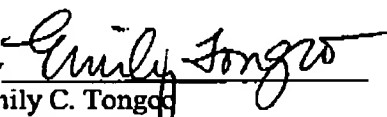
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 273012011200. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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